

Fall 2017



# Drum Point Light

## Drum Point Property Owners' Association

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Come to the Drum Point Club, Saturday, **October 14th** from **1:00 - 5:00** to celebrate Oktoberfest. Enjoy a brat and traditional German sauerkraut or a hotdog and chips. Bring your favorite beer and a potluck side dish or dessert to share. Water and soda will be provided.

There will be a DJ. You can enjoy some music, take a walk on the beach, get to know your neighbors and maybe make some new friends..



**Co-sponsored by:**

**The Drum Point Property Owners' Association and  
The Drum Point Club**

**The event is open to all Drum Point property owners, their guests and residents**

### **New Property Owner?**

Are you a new property owner in Drum Point? If you haven't already done so, please either call or stop by the Association office, located at the corner of Lake Drive and Barreda Boulevard.

Come in and meet Rhea Webster, the Association Manager. You can provide your contact information, and she'll show you how to get to the beach, give you a hang tag for parking and provide information about the community. Contact information for the office (410-326-6148 - [office@dppoa.org](mailto:office@dppoa.org)).

# President's Column

## Tony Spakauskas, President DPPOA Board of Directors



Thank you Gary Heal for your years of dedicated service to the Drum Point Community and for the record of success you achieved. In July, the new Board was constituted and elected me the Board President. Gary's achievements and successful management of the Community were recognized by the Calvert County Commissioners at our last public meeting on our Special Tax District, when Drum Point was recognized for improved management and called the "gem of Calvert County." I can only hope to reach Gary's achievements. I am happy to say that Gary is still on the Board, and with his invaluable experience, will be a source of expert advice.

While I am relatively a newcomer to the community and do not know all of you, I hope to meet as many of you as I can at community functions and meetings. I encourage you to attend General Membership Meetings and Board Meetings to voice your opinions and influence the course of community development. We on the Board constantly hear that the demographics and composition of our community are changing. Come to meetings and tell us your vision for Drum Point and what and how to plan for the future. The upcoming September 27<sup>th</sup> General Membership Meeting is particularly important as our annual budget will be discussed. I urge you to attend and express your opinion.

At the past two General Membership Meetings, and in the Newsletter, we announced that we were planning a spraying program to control Phragmites on DPPOA property. The program started in August, with a second spraying due in September. While we may need to spray over the next three years or so, we hope that this first application will produce dramatically noticeable results. I hope some of you contacted our applicator for spraying on your private property. If you missed this opportunity, perhaps when you see the results of the spraying, you'll want to use his services next year [contact the DPPOA office for more information].

While Drum Point is a wonderful place to live, our combined efforts can make wonderful even better. If you have noticed anything in the community that can be improved or have any ideas for projects that would make life in Drum Point more pleasant, please bring them to the Board's attention so we can evaluate feasibility. I look forward to working with and for you.

Tony

## Invasive Plants and Bugs in Drum Point

Many of you contacted the Association office these past few weeks to ask about the condition of Anchor Pond, which has shown significantly more algae bloom this year than in the past. The office contacted the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) and forwarded photos provided by a property owner. As a result, a representative from MDE conducted a site survey and took samples for testing. The water samples showed that the reddish-brown color of the pond is the result of decomposing algae trapped within an invasive plant called *Hydrilla Verticillata*. This non-native plant, while harmless in general, does slow the flow of water which results in the trapping of sediment. The water sample showed no excessive fungus or algal blooms, and the algae which is present is not the harmful type. Fortunately, the heavy rains we've experienced have helped clear the pond somewhat. Unfortunately, options for complete removal of the Hydrilla are few and would involve manual harvest using small boats and rakes. The use of herbicides would require permitting and is discouraged. Per the MDE rep, "the bloom will lessen with time and rain-fall."

Another invasive plant you may have noticed along the waterways is a tall plant known as Phragmites.

Phragmites has a thick stalk that can grow to heights of 13 feet. The DPPOA is working with specialists certified by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources in the control of this plant, which according to the DNR, "reduces the diversity of plant and wildlife species." The following link provides information on how you, as a property owner, might control Phragmites - [http://dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/Pages/plants\\_wildlife/Phragmites.aspx](http://dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/Pages/plants_wildlife/Phragmites.aspx) (cut and paste the link).

Also worrisome is an invader called the Kudzu bug, which as with the Kudzu plant comes to us from Japan. According to a July 6<sup>th</sup> piece featured in the Bay Weekly publication, the Kudzu bug is a relative of the stinkbug, releasing a similarly unpleasant odor when disturbed. Worse, they also leave a stain and can cause skin irritation. The Kudzu bug likes to seek shelter in the siding of homes over winter. In the South, they've been reported to have swarmed whole communities. For the full article, refer to our website at [www.dppoa.org](http://www.dppoa.org) (click on the Environmental link at the top of the homepage).

If you see a Kudzu bug, report it to the Maryland Department of Agriculture Plant Protection and Weed Management hotline: 410-841-5920; [extension.umd.edu/learn/ask-gardening](http://extension.umd.edu/learn/ask-gardening).

## Fiscal Year 2018 Budget

A vote for approval of the DPPOA budget will be held at the meeting of the General Membership, scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at the Drum Point Club (absentee ballots will be available in the DPPOA office). Please note that the vote will be conducted in order to approve the Covenant and Mandatory Assessment (MA) portions of the budget only. The Special Tax District (STD) budget was approved by the Board of County Commissioners and cannot be changed. The State Highway User Revenue (SHUR) budget is administered by the County. Both the STD and the SHUR portions of the budget are provided for informational purposes only. The full budget is available at the DPPOA office and can be viewed on the Association website at [www.dpboa.org](http://www.dpboa.org). Click on the link in the Office Hours box.

		STD	SHUR	Covenant	MA	Total All
<b>Income</b>						
	<b>Projected Income</b>	148,971	7,000	120,960	51,596	328,527
	<b>Income from Carry-over</b>					23,154
	<b>Total Projected Available Funds</b>					351,681
<b>Expenses</b>						
<b>General Operating</b>						
	<b>Total 6000 - General and Administrative</b>	200	100	1,150	6,010	7,460
	<b>Total 6100 - Office Facility</b>			2,183	3,137	5,320
	<b>Total 6200 - Payroll Expenses</b>			38,223	19,697	57,920
	<b>Total 6300 - Professional Fees</b>	4,500		8,000		12,500
	<b>Total 6400 - Taxes and Insurance</b>			400	6,102	6,502
	<b>Total 6500 - Utilities</b>			2,588	1,688	4,276
	<b>Total General Operating</b>	4,700	100	52,544	36,634	93,978
<b>Operations and Maintenance</b>						
	<b>Total 6600 - Maintenance - Non Right of Way</b>			1,771	10,750	12,521
	<b>Total - Maintenance - Right of Way</b>	21,925	6,900	31,550	4,525	64,900
	<b>Total Operations and Maintenance</b>	21,925	6,900	33,321	15,275	77,421
<b>Capital Projects</b>						
	<b>Total 6800 - Capital Improvement Projects</b>	122,346		42,654		165,000
	<b>Total 6900 - Capital Overhead</b>			15,282		15,282
	<b>Total Capital Projects</b>	122,346		57,936		180,282
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	148,971	7,000	143,801	51,909	351,681

With no quorum present at the June meeting of the General Membership and per the vote conducted at that meeting, the September meeting will be held in accordance with Maryland State Law (see back page of this newsletter to read the applicable Maryland code).



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### **General Membership Meeting**

All meetings will be conducted according to Maryland Code, Corporations and Associations, Title 5, Sub Title 2, section (§) 5-206. which states, If the number of members present at a meeting does not meet the requirements of a quorum, those present may call another meeting to meet quorum requirements. At the additional meeting, the members present in person constitute a quorum.\*

\*Per the DPPOA Attorney - Any and all business of the Association can be discussed at the meeting.

### **General Membership Meeting**

#### **Agenda**

**7:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 27, 2017**

**Drum Point Club**

**Call to Order**

**President's Remarks**

**Approval of Minutes**

**Committee Reports**

**Old Business**

**New Business**

**Approval of FY 2018 Budget**

**Posting of Drum Point Property**

**Committee Formation - Recreation Area**

**Public Comments**

**Adjournment**

\*The September meeting of the Membership will be held in accordance with Maryland State Law, as stated above.